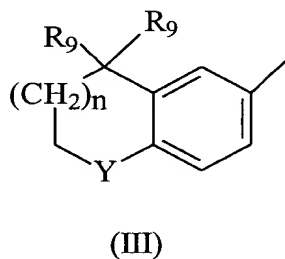


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Figure 2 also schematically depicts a reaction scheme for synthesis of compounds according to the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, after line 5, delete structure (III), and substitute the following therefor:

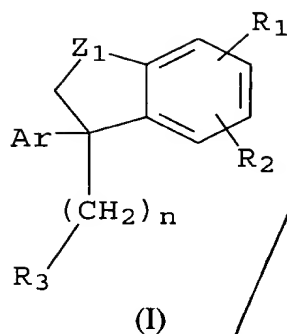


IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 1 and insert the following new Claims 28 to 37:

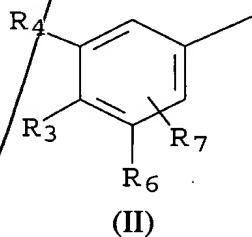
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~~--28. A method for treating a dermatological condition comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compounds, which have the general formula (I) below:~~

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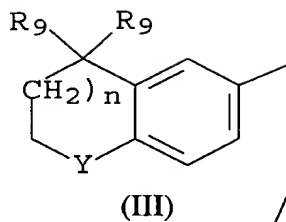
in which:

- $Ar$  represents
- either the radical of formula (II) below:

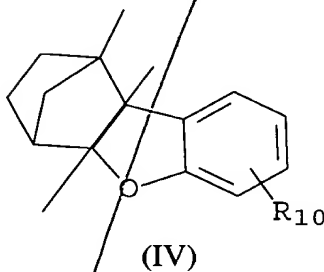


- or the radical of formula (III) below:

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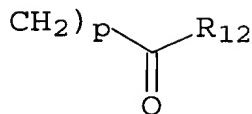


- or the radical of formula (IV) below:



- $R_1$  represents an atom or a radical chosen from

- the  $-CH_3$  radical,
- the radical  $-(CH_2)_p-O-R_{11}'$
- a radical  $-OR_{11}'$
- a radical



(v) a radical  $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}_{13}$ ,

$\text{R}_{11}$ ,  $\text{R}_{12}$ ,  $\text{R}_{13}$ , p and t having the meanings given below,

-  $\text{R}_2$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl radical or the radical -  
 $\text{OR}_{11}$ ,

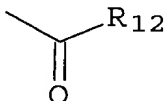
$\text{R}_{11}$  having the meaning given below,

-  $\text{R}_3$  represents an atom or a radical chosen from:

(i) an atom or a radical chosen from a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical, an alkenyl radical, an alkynyl radical, an aryl radical, a monohydroxyalkyl or polyhydroxyalkyl radical, a polyether radical, a cyano radical or a radical  $-\text{O}-\text{R}_{11}$ ,

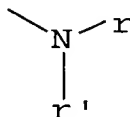
$\text{R}_{11}$  having the meaning given below,

(ii) a radical



R<sub>12</sub> having the meaning given below,

(iii) a radical



r and r' having the meaning given below,

- Z<sub>1</sub> represents O, S or NR',
- m is an integer between 0 and 10, it being understood in all of the preceding text

that: R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub>, which may be identical or different, are chosen from:

- (i) a hydrogen atom,
- (ii) an alkyl radical having at least 4 carbon atoms, among which the carbon attached to the phenyl radical is substituted with at least two carbon atoms,

- (iii) a cycloalkyl radical,
- (iv) a radical  $-(Z_2)_n-(CH_2)_q-CO-R_{12}$ ,
- (v) a radical  $-Z_3-R_{11}$ ,

with at least one of the radicals R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub> and R<sub>7</sub> being an alkyl radical as defined in (ii) or a cycloalkyl radical (iii),

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Z<sub>2</sub>, Z<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>11</sub>, R<sub>12</sub>, n and q having the meanings given below,

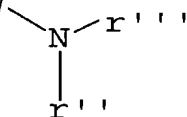
R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> represent lower alkyl radicals,

R<sub>10</sub> represents a lower alkyl radical, a radical -OR<sub>11</sub> or a polyether radical,

R<sub>11</sub>, which may be identical or different, represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, an aryl radical, an aralkyl radical, a monohydroxyalkyl or polyhydroxyalkyl radical, a polyether radical or a lower acyl radical,

R<sub>12</sub>, which may be identical or different, represents:

- (a) a hydrogen atom, an alkynyl radical, an alkenyl radical, an alkyl radical or a heterocycle,
- (b) a radical



$r''$  and  $r'''$  having the meaning given below

- (c) a radical -OR<sub>13</sub>

R<sub>13</sub>, which may be identical or different, represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl radical, a monohydroxyalkyl or polyhydroxyalkyl radical, an optionally substituted aryl or aralkyl radical or a sugar, amino acid or peptide residue,

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R', which may be identical or different, represents a protecting group for amine functions, a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, a polyether radical or an optionally substituted aryl radical or an amino acid, peptide or sugar residue,

r and r', which may be identical or different, represent protecting groups for amine functions, a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, a polyether radical, an optionally substituted aryl radical or an amino acid, peptide or sugar residue, or alternatively, taken together, form a heterocycle,

r'' and r''', which may be identical or different, represent a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, a polyether radical, an optionally substituted aryl radical or an amino acid, peptide or sugar residue, or alternatively, taken together, form a heterocycle,

Y represents  $C(R_9)_2$ , O, S,  $Nr'$ ,  $CHOH$ , CO, SO or  $SO_2$ ,

$Z_2$  represents O, S or  $NR'$ ,

$Z_3$  represents O or s,

n, which may be identical or different, is equal to 0 or 1; p, which may be identical or different, is equal to 0, 1, 2 or 3; t is equal to 0, 1, 2 or 3; q is an integer between 0 and 10,

as well as the salts thereof and the optical and geometrical isomers thereof.

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29. The method of Claim 28, wherein said dermatological condition is selected from the following: a keratinization disorder which effects differentiation and proliferation; a keratinization disorder which is not associated with differentiation and proliferation; a keratinization disorder having an inflammatory and/or immunoallergic component; psoriasis; dermal or epidermal proliferation; bullosis and collagen disorders; light-induced and chronological aging of the skin; actinic keratosis and pigmentation; chronological or actinic agent associated pathology; stigmata of epidermal and/or dermal atrophy induced by local or systemic corticosteroids; cicatrization disorders; vibicies; sebaceous associated disorders; viral related skin disorders; alopecia; dermatological conditions having an immunological component; and skin disorders attributable to exposure to UV radiation.

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30. The method of Claim 29, wherein the treated dermatological condition is psoriasis and said psoriasis is selected from a group consisting of cutaneous, mucous or ungual psoriasis and psoriatic rheumatism.

31. A method of treating a cancerous or precancerous state comprising administering a therapeutically amount of a compound according to Claim 28.



32. A method for treating a cardiovascular associated conditions selected from arteriosclerosis or hypertension comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 28.

33. A method for treating insulin independent diabetes comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 28.

34. The method according to Claim 28, wherein said dermatological condition associated with differentiation of proliferation is selected from the group consisting of common acnes, comedones, polymorphonuclear leukocytes, acne rosacea, nodulocystic acne, acne conglobata, senile acne, secondary acne, medication-induced acne and occupational acne.--

35. The method according to Claim 28, wherein said keratinization disorder is selected from the group consisting of ichthyosis, ichthyosiform states, Darier's disease, palmoplantar keratoderma, leucoplasias, leucoplasiform states, and cutaneous or mucous (buccal) lichen.